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For : CONDITIONAL ACCESS SYSTEM FOR SET-TOP BOXES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In the US national phase application of PCT/US98/11633 filed herewith,
please enter the following amendments:

Please amend the claims as follows:

In the Claims

11. (Amended) A method [system] for managing access between a service provider and a set-top box having a smart card coupled thereto, said set-top box performing the steps of:

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- (a) sending a first message to the smart card, said first message containing set-top box identification data;
 - (b) receiving from the smart card, in response to said first message, a first digital certificate encrypted using a first private key, said first digital certificate containing service provider identification data;
 - (c) authenticating the smart card in response to said first digital certificate;